

Welcome to St Philip's

The Anglican Church of St Philip's O'Connor, Canberra, ACT, Australia
We are delighted you are here (especially visitors on the web!)

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion
Services on Sunday: Holy Communion 8am and 10am. Wednesday 10am

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The Harvest is Good.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 12th June 2005

8am and 10am Eucharist

The service is found on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book

Readings:

- Genesis 18: 1-15
- Psalm 116: 1-2 page 346
- Romans 5: 1--11
- Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8;

At 10.00am Hymns: Together in Song; 137, 409, 466, (at communion 511), 99

Organist: Meg Colwell

Greetings Everyone!

Thanks be to God for the rain! Isn't it amazing... as many churches were setting aside today to pray for rain: the rain came! I must confess my reticence to pray for rain; I believe that God has given the natural world certain natural processes which provide for our needs — for example the sequence of the seasons!

The rain, like the seasons, will come as the conditions and time are right. Sometimes the seasons seem to stretch into the next one and they don't finish and begin exactly on cue but generally they appear and re appear so that the cycle of growth and regeneration continues. We are discovering however that it is what we do with and how we manage such a precious resource that is really important. Often I would prefer to pray for wisdom and care in the use and management of our water than to pray for rain. In fact it seems almost blasphemous to pray for rain if we are going to be wasteful with the water we already have from God!

Another environmental issue raised this week concerns the use of nuclear energy to create "clean" energy without the greenhouse gases produced by burning our fossil fuels. I would have some sympathy with the greater use of nuclear energy if I could be convinced of the safe removal and disposal of the waste. It is amazing how people will say how "clean" it is but then say "As long as you don't bury it near me!" I would feel confident that nuclear waste in Australia would be secure but it is still a problem in other places where it may not be so carefully handled!

The great tragedy of house fires has been powerfully brought home to us this week. The deaths of four children at Wyong after the death of two adults and a child near Coonamble as well as a house destroyed in the ACT. Associated with this was the warning about electrical appliances causing fires. The Diocesan office passed on a government requirement that *ALL* electrical items for sale at fetes and as gifts should be checked and tagged by an authorised person. The effort to do this seemed to be too great and so we at St Philip's have decided not to accept any electrical goods for the fair or to give away!

After last week's reading from Genesis about Abram's call to set off

on his journey, we hear today of the promise of a son for Abraham and Sarah via divine messengers. The laughter of Sarah indicates resistance to the belief that even the Lord God could give her a child. Sarah's laughter turns to the laughter of acceptance and God has the last laugh as the child is born. I suppose the theme today could be that God "sees us through" the tight spots. Jesus warns the apostles about their mission and journey with words about rejection "sheep among wolves" and being "before governors and kings" etc. but in all things the Spirit of the Father will enable them. Paul was able to point to suffering producing endurance, endurance producing character and character producing hope because the Spirit puts the love of God into the hearts of the faithful.

Rob Lamerton

Notices

**Sunday Evening at St Philip's
Sunday Evening Services will begin here on Sunday 19th June
(next week) at 5.30pm.**

The services will vary in form from said Evening Prayer to times of Prayer and Worship.

[World Refugee Day](#) Rally to show Compassion.

In Canberra, Petrie Plaza, Saturday 18th June 12.30pm.

**Cleaners are needed for St Philip's Cleaning Roster!
Please contact Janine Studholme 6241 5894**

Twilight Fair

"SEW-IN" — Following our 10am Eucharist on 19th June. Lunch provided! Time to make and prepare for the Twilight Fair. There is a box of material and pieces of card in the porch for your creative energies to be expressed. Bring machines and fabric! **Team Leaders** are also being sought! See the Fair notice board to nominate!

PANDORA'S AT O'CONNOR

So far this year we have taken \$5191 but our ongoing fund-raising project is running short of volunteers! Can you spend 3 hours each month meeting people, drinking coffee and chatting

**while selling clothes? If so, please contact Sandra on
6161 8606**

**GOOD NEWS ABOUT BISHOP OWEN DOWLING (from Gloria
Dowling)**

The good news we received a week ago was confirmed last night by the oncologist. He did a thorough physical examination of the throat and neck, carefully examined the CT scans (all without saying a word) and then pronounced Owen to be clear of all cancer!!!! He was also impressed with Owen's recovery, especially his being able to eat a number of foods now, and with the help of frequent glasses of water has some taste. He had been threatened with the loss of taste for life! Gloria remarked to the doctor that the recovery was a result of prayer. No comment from him, but he did register!

Child Protection Workshop 30th July.

At least two people are attending! Please add to their number. Leighton Mann and Karinne Campbell are available for child-minding.

Quiet Day – Leaning on God

25 June 2005 9.30am-4pm

All Saints' Ainslie Church, cnr Cowper and Bonney Sts
Ainslie ACT 2602 Please book! 6284 7420

Micah Challenge Australia

Mobilising Christians Against Poverty meeting at Parliament House
23rd June at 12 noon RSVP by 17th to 02 9453 1586 or
info@micahchallenge.org.au

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket! With thanks!

WE PRAY FOR:

The World

For an end to violence in Darfur. For all efforts to bring stability to Bolivia. For Douglas Wood and others held hostage and for all those seeking their release.

Those in need of healing: Emily Colman, Rebecca Bowman, Faye Gibbons, Phoebe Gordon, Stella Cheah, Chris Nicol, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarena, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

The departed: Gordon Arthur, priest (d. 9/6/92); Patricia Ann (Trish) Young (d. 13/6/01); Columba of Iona, abbot and missionary (d.597); Barnabas, apostle and martyr.

On the web: [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#) and the [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Cleaning: Washington Oloo

Flowers: Carola Parke & Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

Readers:

8am: 1st Elizabeth Allinson 2nd Rhonda Evans

10am: 1st Pat Forbes 2nd Richard Wade

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Leighton & Hardy

Morning Tea 10am: Washington

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's Day off.
- **Tuesday – Saturday** 7.15am & 5pm Morning/Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Holy Communion at Kankinya
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
- **Thursday** Meal, Study and Meditation Group
- **Friday** 10am ANU Chaplaincy Communion
10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Sandra
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Joan

**SUNDAY 19th June 2005 8am & 10am Eucharist
5.30pm Evening Service**

Readings:

- Genesis 21: 8-21
- Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 page 312
- Romans 6: 1-11
- Matthew 10: 24-39;

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans & Barbara Dowley

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Readers:

8am: 1st Shane Woodburn

10am: 1st Denise Manley 2nd Helen Palethorpe

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Morning Tea 10am: James & Brian

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked 07/06/05 Offerings \$668.50; EFT \$345,
Trading Table \$24.60, Pandoras \$229.50, Church Hire \$65

Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else.

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